**HSB4U: Social Change in Canadian Society Debate**

**Topic(s):**  
1) The creation of Canada’s social welfare state was a victory for middle- and working-class Canadians.

2) The struggle for the rights of people from non-European ancestry living in Canada is older than the country itself; has this struggle ultimately been successful for 21st century Canadians?

3) : The struggle for the rights of workers is older than Canada itself; has this struggle been a worthwhile endeavour?

**Steps for Preparation**

* Background research
* Who
* What
* When
* Where
* Why
* Debate Preparation
* Opening Remarks
* Rebuttal
* Response
* Closing Remarks
* 1-2 Page Write Up (Can be brainstorming notes / informal)
* How did you find your information?
* How do you know this information is reliable?
* What are your personal feelings on the subject?
* Have your opinions on the topic changed in any way?

**Debate & Written Submission**

* The debate will take place on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The write up will likewise be submitted on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* You will have one class period (~80 minutes) to prepare

Debate Assessment Rubric

Debating Team Name and Position: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. The speaker's statements clearly supported their position in the debate. 5 4 3 2 1

2. The speaker's statements appeared to be well researched and documented. 5 4 3 2 1

3. The speakers addressed the opposing team and made appropriate eye contact. 5 4 3 2 1

4. Arguments were presented with clarity and appropriate volume. 5 4 3 2 1

5. Speakers were well rehearsed with minimal reliance on notes. 5 4 3 2 1

6. Rebuttals were specific to opposing arguments and expressed with clarity. 5 4 3 2 1

7. Rebuttals showed evidence of good listening skills. 5 4 3 2 1

8. Concluding arguments and statements were effective and convincing. 5 4 3 2 1

9. Speakers adhered to the rules of the debate. 5 4 3 2 1

10. The overall collective effort of the debate team was effective. 5 4 3 2 1

Additional Comments: